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These machine stations are, of course, State property and their services can be rented at rates established by the government. Kolkhozes and peasants enjoy more favorable rates than wealthy peasants. There is some resistance to mechanization on the part of the more conservative peasants. This resistance is, however, much less than that exercised against entirely new farming methods such as the square-cluster method of seeding corn or the lengthwise and crosswise hoeing. [242]

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As a rule, peasants have to deliver first their compulsory delivery quotas at a low price set by the State. If some produce is left, which may or may not be the case, they can market the rest freely. If and when delivery quotas are not fulfilled, the free marketing of certain products may be forbidden for a time. In 1954 such restrictions were made on meat and lard. [253] Especially Draconic are the government's measures against "unlawful" slaughtering of domestic animals, for the situation is acute in this branch of agriculture. Government decree No. 250,480 of February 23, 1951 promises five per cent of all the goods confiscated to anyone, official or private citizen, who helps the authorities to discover "black (ILLEGAL) slaughtering."

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The Hungarian peasants either operate their farms individually, which is true in the majority of cases, or they work for a state farm (sovkhoz),